

*Homegoing Celebration  
of  
Mother Matilda Cleveland*



*March 28, 1907*



*December 29, 1991*

*Services:  
Friday, January 3, 1992  
11:00 A.M.*

*Center of Hope Community Church  
8411 MacArthur Boulevard  
Oakland, California*

*Officiating:  
Bishop Felton E. King  
Phoenix, Arizona*

**'THE UNION'**

**"AND BIG MOMA WOULD SAY"**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **Shop In Heaven's Grocery Store**

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.  
One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.  
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.  
I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere.  
And one angel said, "My child shop with care."  
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.  
And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.  
First, I got some patience, love was in the same row.  
Further down was understanding, you need that everywhere you go.  
I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of faith.  
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost for it was all over the place.  
I stopped to get some strength and courage to help me run the race.  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some grace.  
I didn't forget salvation, for salvation that was free.  
So, I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.  
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill.  
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.  
As I went up the aisle, I saw prayer and just had to put that in.  
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.  
Peace and joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.  
Song and praises were hanging near so I just helped myself.  
Then, I said now how much do I owe?  
He just smiled and said, Just take them everywhere you go.  
How much do I really owe?  
He smiled and said, My child, Jesus paid your bill long time ago.

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Bishop E.E. Cleveland & Mother Matilda Cleveland

## *Happy Times*

*Happy Times and bygone days  
are never lost.*

*They grow more wonderful  
within the hearts that keep them.*

*And Big Mama would say . . .*

*You're blessed.*

*She was special!*

*She taught us the importance of  
maintaining family ties,  
and to continually strive to be  
strong in our faith and  
confident in ourselves and our abilities.*

*And she taught us prayer  
because she knew  
this was the key to our  
spiritual growth.*



**The Children**

## OBITUARY

**"The Lord is my light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?"  
The Lord is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"**

On March 28, 1907, a baby girl, Matilda Chappel, was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, to the proud parents of Louis and Arey Chappel. She was one of eight children born to this union.

While Matilda was very young, her parents moved to Beggs, Oklahoma, where she received her formal education. She received Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized with Holy Ghost at the tender age of seven.

In March of 1925, Matilda was united in Holy wedlock to Elmer Elisha Cleveland. To this union nine children were born: two preceded her in death; one daughter, Nettie Mae and one son, Alpha Lee.

The family resided in various cities because of the ministry of her husband who was an evangelist. In 1939, they moved from Brooksville, Oklahoma to Richmond, California.

While Evangelist Cleveland was traveling across the country preaching the Gospel, Matilda served faithfully at the McGlothen Temple Church Of God In Christ in Richmond, California, where the late Bishop W. McGlothen was pastor. In November, 1949, Matilda moved her membership from the McGlothen Temple Church Of God In Christ to the Ephesian Church of God In Christ in Berkeley, California where her husband had accepted a pastorate. Because it was necessary for Elder Cleveland to be closer to his church, he moved his family from Richmond to Berkeley in 1950. After becoming First Lady of the Ephesian Church, Matilda did not shirk her duties or responsibilities. She was dedicated to her husband and to the Church. She worked untiringly to help support the Church in whatever way she could. She will always be remembered for her cooking skills. She trained many young women how to make those delicious coconut cream, lemon chiffon, apple and sweet potato pies. (Yum-Yum!)

Mother Cleveland was a beautiful seamstress: she was very economical. She loved her children very much and she taught all of her grandchildren how to read, write and recite before they started school.

Mother Cleveland always wholeheartedly supported her husband in the ministry. In 1961, Elder Cleveland became the pastor of the Palm Lane Church Of God In Christ in Los Angeles, California. Mother Cleveland diligently worked by his side and helped to bring into fruition a dynamic ministry in Los Angeles.

Mother Cleveland exemplified wisdom and courage in the midst of life's challenges. Her life is best summed up in Proverbs 31:10-30; and verse 31 says, "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Mother Cleveland leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband of sixty-seven years, Elmer Elisha, seven children; four daughters, Lois Ruth Davis of Berkeley, California; Bernice Brazil of Hayward, California; Dr. Ernestine C. Reems of Oakland, California and Vivylene 'Billie' Jacks of Hacienda Heights, California; three sons, Pastor Elmer Elisha Cleveland, Jr. of Los Angeles, California; Dr. John Louis Cleveland and Professor Chester Cleveland, both of Oakland, California; sixteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; one sister, Geraldine Gibson of Los Angeles, California and two brothers; Arthur Chappel of Denver, Colorado and Samuel Chappel of Pasco, Washington; two sons-in-law, Charles Brazil of Hayward, California and Paul Reems of Oakland, California; two daughters-in-law, Josephine Cleveland of Los Angeles and Nadine Cleveland of Oakland, California and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and the Ephesian Churches (North and South) and Center of Hope Community Church families.

**"AND BIG MOMA WOULD SAY"**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MOTHER MATILDA CLEVELAND

PROCESSIONAL .....	Don't Cry For Me
MUSIC .....	Bishop Walter L. Hawkins
HYMNAL .....	"I'll Fly Away"
MASTER OF CEREMONY .....	Bishop L.A. Anderson
PRAYER .....	Bishop Marshall Simmons Agnes Memorial COGIC
SCRIPTURE READINGS:	
Old Testament .....	Pastor Larry Magathen Bible's Way COGIC
New Testament .....	Pastor Roderick Caesar, Jr. Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, Jamaica, L.I., New York
SELECTION .....	Center of Hope Mass Choir
EXPRESSIONS (2minutes) .....	Church Associates and Friends
RESOLUTIONS	
SELECTION .....	Love Center Choir Pastor Walter Hawkins
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES, .....	Sister Barbara Garrett
TELEGRAMS & CARDS	
SPECIAL REMARKS .....	Sister Katherine Humphrey Representative of Mother Barbara Lewis Southern California Jurisdiction Mother Betty J. Walker Supervisor of Women's Department California Evangel Jurisdiction Dr. Mattie McGlothen Internation Supervisor of Women's Department Churches Of God In Christ
REPRESENTING PASTORS & ELDERS .....	Pastor J.E. Bobo
SELECTION .....	Center of Hope Praise Dancers
OBITUARY .....	Mother Iola Jackson
SPECIAL TRIBUTE .....	Pastor Chandler Cleveland
SOLO .....	Sister Tramaine Hawkins
RESPONSE FOR THE CHILDREN .....	Dr. Ernestine C. Reems Pastor E.E. Cleveland, Jr.
EXPRESSIONS AND .....	Dr. Richard D. Henton
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church Chicago, Illinois
EULOGY .....	Bishop Felton E. King Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ Phoenix, Arizona
VIEWING OF REMAINS .....	Fouche's Hundson Funeral Home
RECESSIONAL .....	"I'm Going Up Yonder"

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Each lovely card, each comforting word,  
 Each visit to our grieved abode,  
 Each lovely flower, each gracious prayer  
 To all who now our burdens share,  
 Accept our thanks and gratitude;  
 And may we say as well,  
 Your kindness meant far more to us  
 Than we can ever tell.

**From All Of Us**

The Family wishes to thank our sister and  
 her husband, Bernice and Charles Brazil for  
 the care of our Mom during the time of her  
 convalescence. We love and appreciate  
 you both.

**The Family**

## PALLBEARERS

Brother William Boston  
 Deacon Willie Dixon  
 Deacon Joseph Guiton  
 Deacon Ben Harrison

Deacon Terrence Herndon  
 Deacon Herman Hunter  
 Deacon John Iglehart  
 Deacon Jim Rowe

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mr. Charles Brazil  
 Deacon Roland Davis

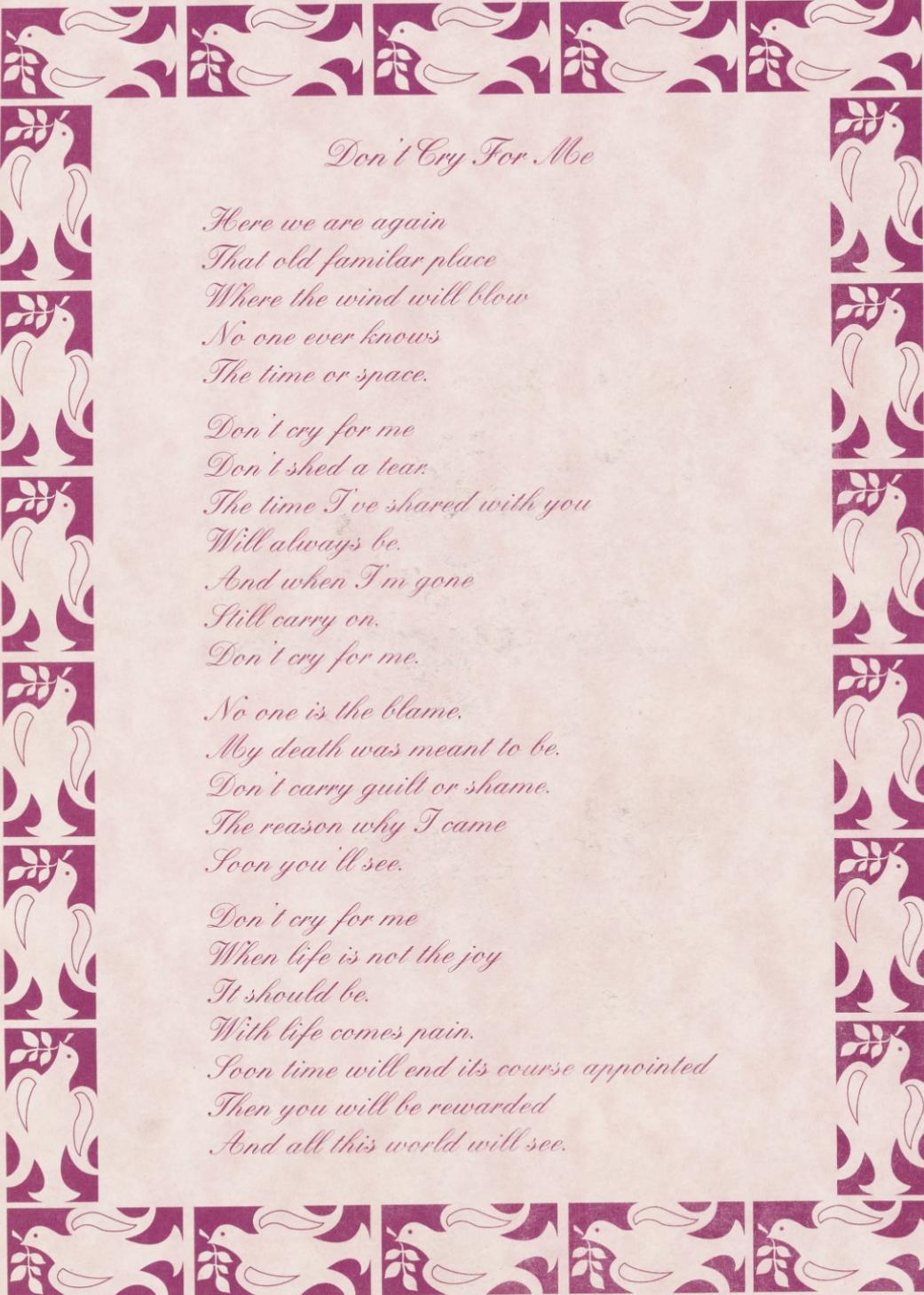
Mr. Michael O. Hughes  
 Deacon Paul E. Reems

Mr. José Hodges

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## INTERMENT

SUNSET VIEW  
 Berkeley, California



*Don't Cry For Me*

*Here we are again  
That old familiar place  
Where the wind will blow  
No one ever knows  
The time or space.*

*Don't cry for me  
Don't shed a tear  
The time I've shared with you  
Will always be.  
And when I'm gone  
Still carry on.  
Don't cry for me.*

*No one is the blame,  
My death was meant to be.  
Don't carry guilt or shame.  
The reason why I came  
Soon you'll see.*

*Don't cry for me  
When life is not the joy  
It should be.  
With life comes pain.  
Soon time will end its course appointed  
Then you will be rewarded  
And all this world will see.*